

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman John Adams at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: John Adams, Ronald Desrosiers, Sally King, B. Scott Kuhnly, Mark Neumann, William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager; and Student Liaisons Tyler Dowling and Nicole Kuhnly

First Selectman Adams announced the passing of town resident Bud Murtha. Bud deeply cared about the town and was active for many years on several town committees. Presently, he served as Chairman of the Development Commission and was a member of the Charter Revision Commission. Bud was involved with the Building Committee during the renovation of the Town Hall Complex. There will be calling hours at Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home on Thursday evening and the funeral will be on Friday. After the funeral, a reception will take place at the Granby Senior Center, a building Bud helped to build. Thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Shirley and other family members.

I. PUBLIC SESSION

Granby resident Brian Hickey, 14 Day Street South, reported to the Selectmen the ongoing problem of speeding cars on his street. He has lost several dogs over the years to speeding cars and there have been several car accidents as a result of speeding. He would like to see more police presence and speeders being ticketed. First Selectman Adams responded there would be more discussion of vehicles on Day Street further along on the agenda under Unfinished Business.

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 5, 2011 and the regular meeting December 19, 2011 as presented.

III. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Ordinance Limiting Commercial Motor Vehicles on Day Street

Town Manager Smith stated this issue has not been forgotten. They are fully aware of the problem of large trucks traveling along Day Street. It seems the problem has increased with the use of GPS and large trucks trying to avoid using the center of town. To limit the use of large trucks on Day Street alone would only shift the problem somewhere else. There is also the problem of speeding and drivers being distracted by the use of cell phones. Selectman Desrosiers indicated they might need to look into an ordinance that would have specific criteria for some streets, maybe even a weight limit. The last thing they want is to just shift the problem to other streets. A comprehensive ordinance is needed to keep commercial traffic on the state roads.

Several other residents from Day Street spoke of the same problems with speeding and large trucks. It was asked if a signed petition from residents would help to get

things moving. Selectman King responded that they are all well represented. A petition is not needed. The Board is continuing to work on this issue.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint Neil J. Hornish (D), 53 Whitman Drive, and Anna Sogliuzzo (D), 15 Old Orchard Road, to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Hornish and Ms. Sogliuzzo's terms will expire January 11, 2016.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint John J. Krug (U), 274 Silver Street, to the Development Commission. Mr. Krug's term will expire January 13, 2014.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint Neil Kraner (D), 19 Glen Road, to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Mr. Kraner's term will expire January 11, 2016.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint Richard J. Lydon (D), 7 Boxwood Court, to the Library Board. Mr. Lydon's term will expire January 12, 2015.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint Selectman Sally King, 168 Day Street, as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Evan S. Dantos (D), 76 Harmony Hill Road, to the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Dantos term will expire January 13, 2014.

ON A MOTION by First Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint Donald Holtman as Town Attorney. His term will expire January 13, 2014.

ON A MOTION by First Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint Roger Hernsdorf as Town Treasurer. His term will expire January 13, 2014.

First Selectman Adams indicated there are still vacancies on the Conservation Commission and the Agricultural Commission. Anyone interested in serving on either commission should contact the Town Manager's office.

B. Consideration of Board of Selectmen 2012-2013 Budget Workshop Dates

Budget workshop assignments and dates were set as follows:

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Administration – Ron Desrosiers

Libraries, Recreation, and Social Services – Mark Neumann

Personal and Property Protection – Sally King

Monday, March 12, 2012

Personal and Property Protection – continued if necessary

Public Works and Environment – John Adams

Capital Budget and Debt Service – B. Scott Kuhnly

Revenues and Other Funds – ALL MEMBERS

All workshops will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. An additional workshop will be held March 15, 2011 if necessary. The budget will then be forwarded to the Board of Finance for their review.

As a reminder, First Selectman Adams stated the Board of Finance will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the budget for FY2012-2013 on April 9, 2012, and the Annual Town Meeting will be on April 23, 2012.

C. Consideration of Recommended Changes to the Board of Selectmen Rules of Procedure

First Selectman Adams thought the word “emergency” in section 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS C; is not needed. He felt any item received at a regular meeting might be acted upon and considered as part of the agenda. It may also be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Selectman Desrosiers wanted to discuss the wording in section 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION A; ...or regarding any matter providing such intention has been previously discussed with the Town Manager or the First Selectman. He felt that the intent of public participation is to give them the opportunity to speak about anything without restrictions. After some discussion, it was decided to eliminate that wording.

Previously reviewed and concurred changes by the Board to the Rules and Procedures are as follows:

Under item:

2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Add to the list – E. EMERGENCY MEETINGS in accordance with Connecticut Freedom of Information Act.

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Add words after the last sentence in the paragraph entitled "A. The agenda..." The last sentence will read:

"Selectmen will be responsible for picking up their agenda in the Town Manager's office, the Police Department, or electronically."

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to accept the four changes as discussed.

D. Consideration of Capital Lease Purchase Program for 2011-12

Previously approved FY2011-12 capital lease purchases of school buses and technology equipment as recommended by the Board of Education, and the municipal capital plan that includes replacement and purchase of one heavy duty truck with dump body, a mower, and a compactor will be put into a lease program that will spread the cost over several years. Simsbury Bank has a favorable rate of 2.45% for a five-year lease agreement. A resolution needs to be passed to go forward.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the RESOLUTION as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Granby has entered or is entering into an Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement ("Promissory Note") and a Loan Agreement in an amount up to \$576,697, with The Simsbury Bank and Trust Company;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that these Agreements are hereby approved, and that the action of the official of the Town of Granby in signing these Agreements on behalf of it be, and is hereby, ratified, confirmed, and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager of the Town of Granby, be, and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to sign on its behalf the Agreements and any addenda, schedules, notes, UCC financing statements, or other instruments issued under the provisions of the Agreement, and any other instruments or documents which may be necessary or expedient in connection with agreements upon or in fulfillment of the provisions of the Agreements.

E. Consideration of Establishing a Building Committee

First Selectman Adams explained that with the approval of the recent bond referendum in January, the Board of Education has requested there be a Building Committee created by the Board of Selectmen for the construction of the proposed school track. The other projects are pretty straightforward and will only require bidding and administrative budget tracking. It is suggested that the former three

Chairpersons who developed study reports for the revised and newly approved projects be appointed to the Building Committee. If they do not want to serve they could recommend other members to serve on the Building Committee. The former Chairpersons of the Salmon Brook Park Facility Building Committee, the Granby Athletic Field Long-Range Advisory Committee, and the Storage and Vehicle Wash Bay Committee are Ben Perron, David White, and Jim Lofink. They would need two other nominees to meet the five-member committee as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Kuhnly has volunteered as a Board of Selectmen representative and Superintendent of Schools Alan Addley indicated he could come up with a volunteer as well. The name of the committee shall be known as the Athletic Fields and Special Projects Building Committee. Appointments to the committee will be at the next regular Selectmen's meeting.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to establish the Athletic Fields and Special Projects Building Committee with appointments being made by the Board of Selectmen. The charge is as follows:

- The Committee shall examine recent Board of Education concepts and information pertaining to the proposed Athletic Fields and Track.
- Interview and recommend for signing by the Town Manager, necessary consultant service contracts to complete the Athletic Fields and Track.
- Prepare necessary documents and advertise for the construction of the Athletic Fields and Track. Upon substantial completion, report to the Board of Selectmen when the project may be turned over to the Board of Education for use.
- Report to the Board of Selectmen and to the Board of Education and other town agencies, as necessary, concerning the timetable and progress of the various Public Improvements Projects approved on January 17, 2012.

F. Consideration of Acceptance of Gift of Vehicle for Granby Seniors

A gift of a fully equipped van with handicap and wheelchair access has been offered for our Senior Citizen transportation program, from the family of Al Martyn. Mr. Martyn, who recently passed away, was very active in the town's Senior Citizen programs. This van would allow the transportation of individuals (possibly two or three) to scheduled appointments versus using the larger vans that use more fuel. First Selectman Adams indicated this would be a great benefit to the town and expressed many thanks to the Al Martyn family.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to accept the gift of the van from the family of Al Martyn.

G. Consideration of Property Lease

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reorder the agenda, placing item IV. G. to be discussed during closed session following Selectmen Reports.

V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Grand List for October 1, 2011

Town Manager Smith reported the Grand List for October 1, 2011 is completed and has been filed with the state. The model projected the increase to be .5%. The total shows an increase of 0.93%, slightly higher than expected. At the current mill rate it will generate about \$277,852 in new revenue.

B. Budget Operations – December 2011 and January 2012

It was reported that revenues are on target with a little more than expected in some areas. No further rent will be received from the VNA as the building has been sold. It will be a loss in revenue of \$1,800. Expenditures are on target. Applications to FEMA for disaster recovery from storms are in progress. It is hoped that they materialize and provide refunds to the town.

This has been a fairly mild winter, which should be good for us. Maybe we will see a little surplus. That is not normally the case.

VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)

A. Revised Plus-One Budget 2012-13

First Selectman Adams reported the revised Plus-One Budget from the Three Board Meeting would reflect the fact we had good news in regards to health insurance with the regular Anthem plan.

It was also reported that the Governor would state his Budget on February 8, 2012. We don't anticipate any significant changes. We expect, more or less, level funding.

First Selectman Adams reported that we recently signed a 15-year contract with CRRA. They have two sources of revenues, which are from tip fees and selling electricity. Because of a change in some pricing, it has caused a projection that reflects a shortfall for CRRA. We hope it will not cost us more next year. This is something we will have to keep watch over.

VII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman, Ronald Desrosiers, B. Scott Kuhnly, & Mark Neumann, and Tyler Dowling and Nicole Kuhnly, Student Liaisons)

No reports.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting recessed to closed session at 8:28 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

First Selectman Adams called the executive session of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:30 p.m.

PRESENT: John Adams, Ronald Desrosiers, B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, Mark Neumann, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a property issue.

The executive session adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager